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SATURDAY'S 'DOWNS AFTER DARK', LAST TWILIGHT THURSDAY HIGHLIGHT FINAL THREE DAYS OF CHURCHILL DOWNS' SPRING MEET

Single 6 Jackpot Opens Week with \$671,761 Carryover; Juvenile Stakes Head Racing Highlights

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, June 29, 2016) – A festive **Downs After Dark Presented by Stella Artois and Jack Daniel's** celebration on Saturday, July 2 and the season's final **Twilight Thursday** celebration highlight the final three days of **Churchill Downs Racetrack's Spring Meet**, which will conclude its 38-day run on **Saturday, July 2**.

A highlight of the meet's final days is the still-growing **20-cent minimum Single 6 Jackpot** wager, which resumes in Thursday's third race with a **carryover pool of \$671,761**. The Single 6 requires a single winning ticket to pay-out its entire pool, but if there is no individual winner on Thursday or Friday, the entire pool must be paid out on Saturday's wager to players who have the most winners on their Single 6 tickets.

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" is the theme for Saturday's Downs After Dark program and patrons attending the celebration of racing and entertainment under the lights are urged to incorporate a patriotic red, white and blue theme into their fashion choices.

The evening will feature 11 races that include two important stakes events for 2-year-old Thoroughbreds who could emerge as contenders for the 2017 *Kentucky Derby* and **Kentucky Oaks**. The 115th running of the **\$100,000 Bashford Manor** (Grade III) will feature colts and geldings, while the 116th running of the **\$100,000 Debutante** (Listed) will feature 2-year-old fillies. The Saturday racing schedule also includes the **\$67,000-added Kelly's Landing Overnight Stakes** for 3-year-olds and up at seven furlongs.

Downs After Dark special events are headed by live music on the Plaza Stage by local country band **Wildwood** (<http://www.wildwood502.com/>). The evening's Independence Day Weekend theme will include displays of World War II and present-day military equipment in the Plaza, a display of thousands of American flags by **Flags4Vets** at Gate 10 and special honors for four members of military in the G.H. Mumm Winner's Circle following the fourth race at approximately 7:26 p.m.

Post time for the first race of Saturday's Downs After Dark party is 6 p.m. (all times EDT) and admission gates open at 5 p.m. General admission is \$10 and reserved seats start at \$25. Seating in the Courtyard is available for \$69 and Winner's Circle Suites for groups of 18-20 are also available. Tickets and dining options can be purchased online at www.churchilldowns.com.

Special pricing will be available to active duty military and veterans who present a valid military ID. Members of those groups will receive **50 percent off of general admission and box seating for up to six** for Saturday night's program.

The last of the meet's popular Twilight Thursday programs features eight live races, food trucks, drink specials and live music on the Plaza. **Post time for the first of eight Twilight Thursday races is 5 p.m., and admission gates open at 4 p.m.**

The Plaza Stage will feature live music by the **Whiskey Bent Valley Boys** (<http://whiskeybentvalley.tumblr.com/> and www.facebook.com/whiskey.valley/?fref=ts). Fans may choose from offerings from a roster of the region's finest food trucks that include **¡Holy Molé!**, **Longshot Lobsta**, **Mark's Feed Store** and **Red Top Gourmet Hot Dogs**, and \$1 beers will be available from 5-8 p.m.

General admission to Churchill Downs on Twilight Thursday is \$3.

The next-to-last racing program of the Spring Meet is set for Friday, July 1 and offers 10 live races. Post time for the first race is 12:45 p.m. and admission gates open at 11:30 a.m.

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